(Rs. in crores)

Year	Target	No. of Appl. Recv.	Sanctioned		Disbursed		Percentage of cases disbursement to sanctioned
			No.	Amount	No.	Amount	
2000-01	359950	458011	237896	1559.04	184890	1168.62	77.72%
2001-02	347135	437445	237392	1539.19	189860	1184.80	79.98%
2002-03*	355075	429053	226572	1461.01	141608	871.69	62.50%

*Data provisional.

Ceiling of equity holding in SBI

2200. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equity holding for both the individual investor and corporates in the associate banks of SBI is currently capped at 200 share per investor;

(b) whether the State Bank of India has approached the Finance Ministry for lifting the ceiling on the equity holding of investors in its associate banks; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is presently under consideration of the Government.

B.K. Bhattacharya report

2201. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high powered Committee of State Secretaries set up by Reserve Bank of India headed by Shri B.K. Bhattacharya has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details of its recommendation and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) In the Eleventh Conference of the State Finance Secretaries held in the Researve Bank of India on January, 9, 2003, it was feld that a detailed examination of the issues relating to States' increasing pension liabilities could facilitate the States to initiate appropriate measures in this regard. Accordintly, the State Finance Secretaries formed a Group to study the pension liabilities of State governemnt under the Chairmanship of Shri B.K. Bhhattacharya, former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka. The group consisted of Finance Secretaries of eight States, representative from the Department of Pensions and Pensioners Welfare, Government of India, Life Insurance Corproation of India and few experts. The recommendations of the Group would be discussed in the next Conference of the State Finance Secretaries to be held at the Reserve Bank of India.

House rent allowance to spouses of Government employees

2201. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the spouses of the Central Government employees working in the autonomous organisation such as Book Trust of India etc. who are not eligible for the allotment of Government accommodations are not being granted House Rent Allowance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether Government propose to grant HRA to the spouses who are working in autonomous organisations and who are not entitled for the allotment of the Government accommodations; and

(d) if so, by when the orders to this effect are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (d) The employees working in the autonomous organisations such as Book Trust of India etc. are paid